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MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

[83d Congress]

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 1979	Amends Reorganization Act of 1949 by extending authority of the President to submit new plans up to April 1, 1955	3
S. 243	Provides for new position of Under Secretary of State for Administration to be terminated December 31, 1954	2
H. Doc. 102	Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953. Creates Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to which is transferred all the functions, agencies, property, personnel, records, and funds of the Federal Security Agency, which is abolished. Provides for Under Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries, and for Presidential appointment of Surgeon General of U. S. Public Health Service, Commissioner of Education, and Commissioner of Social Security. Creates Advisory Committee on Education, and provides for appointment of a special assistant to the Secretary, from the field of medicine, with responsibility for reviewing health and medical programs.	Plan No. 1 became effective April 11, 1953.
H. J. Res. 223	Makes Reorganization Plan No. 1 (above) effective 10 days after signature by President	13
H. Doc. 111	Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953. To simplify operation of the Department of Agriculture, bring its programs close to State and local levels, and adapt administration to regional, State, and local conditions. Vests in the Secretary of Agriculture, with certain exceptions, all functions of all other officers, agencies, and employees of the Department, and authorizes him to delegate same. Provides for two additional Assistant Secretaries, and an Administrative Assistant.	Plan No. 2 became effective June 3, 1953.[1]

[1] S. Res. 100 disapproving Plan No. 2 rejected in Senate 5/27/53 by 29 Yeas to 46 Nays. H. Res. 236 rejected in House 6/3/53 by 128 Yeas to 261 Nays.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. Doc. 120	Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1953. Establishes in Executive Office of the President as new agency the Office of Defense Mobilization. Provides for a Director, at $22,500 a year, and Deputy Director at $17,500. Transfers to the Director all functions except those abolished, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board; all functions under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act, including those of the Munitions Board. Abolishes National Security Resources Board. Transfers to the new agency such records, property, personnel, and funds appropriate to its functions.	Plan No. 3 became effective June 11, 1953.
H. Doc. 130	Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1953. To promote best utilization of top officers of Department of Justice and most effective conduct of its business. Provides that the Deputy Attorney General, instead of the Solicitor General, shall act as the administrative head of the Department when the Attorney General is absent or disabled or that office is vacant. Authorizes Attorney General to prescribe the order of succession of his Assistants under those circumstances. Abolishes the Office of Assistant Attorney General in charge of Customs; provides for appointment, instead, of an Assistant Attorney General.	Plan No. 4 became effective June 20, 1953.
H. Doc. 135	Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1953. To strengthen administration of the Export-Import Bank. Puts the agency under a single Managing Director instead of a Board of Directors. Provides for appointment of a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director.	Plan No. 5 became effective June 30, 1953.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. Doc. 136	Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1953. To clarify lines of authority within the Department of Defense; attain effectiveness with economy; and to improve the machinery for strategic planning for national security by strengthening civilian control over military. Provides for six new Assistant Secretaries of Defense, making a total of eleven, and a General Counsel. Abolishes the Munitions Board, the Research and Development Board, the Defense Supply Management Agency, and the Director of Installations, transferring their functions to the Secretary of Defense. Authorizes him to delegate these functions to assistants. Makes Joint Chiefs of Staff advisory to the Secretary; transfers its administrative duties to the Joint Staff. Makes selection of the Director of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff subject to approval of the Secretary of Defense. Makes selection of members of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff subject to approval of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Provides for direct line of command from Secretary of Defense to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and through the latter to the top military and civilian officials of each service.	Plan No. 6 became effective June 30, 1953.[1]
H. Doc. 157	Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1953. To centralize and coordinate foreign assistance and related economic operations now scattered through various agencies. Establishes the Foreign Operations Administration, under a Director at $22,500 a year, subject to Senate confirmation; a Deputy Director at $17,500, and six assistants, two at $16,000 and four at $15,000 a year each. The new agency to administer the Mutual Security and Technical Cooperation (Point 4) programs. Abolishes the Mutual Security Agency and transfers the Technical Cooperation Administration in the State Department to FOA Also transfers to FOA the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the responsibility for administering the Act for International Development; assistance to private foreign relief organizations; programs to aid escapees from behind the Iron Curtain; United States participation in the UN's International Children's Emergency Fund, and Korean Reconstruction Agency, and in the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.	Plan No. 7 became effective August 1, 1953.[2]

[1] H. Res. 295 disapproving Plan No. 6 rejected by House 6/27/53 by vote of 108 Yeas to 235 Nays.
[2] H. Res. 261 disapproving Plan No. 7 rejected by House 7/17/53 by voice vote.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. Doc. 158	Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953. Establishes a new agency, the United States Information Agency. Transfers to it the functions of the International Information Administration, the information functions of the Technical Cooperation Administration and the Mutual Security Agency, and similar programs in connection with occupied areas. Puts Administration under a Director at $17,500 a year and a Deputy Director at $16,000. It will be subject to policy guidance of the Secretary of State.	Plans No. 8, 9, and 10, became effective August 1, 1953.[1]
H. Doc. 159	Reorganization Plan No. 9 of 1953. Reconstitutes the Council of Economic Advisers, created under the Employment Act of 1946. Provides for a chairman and two members, with the Chairman responsible for administration of the staff, and to the President. Establishes an Advisory Board on Economic Growth and Stability composed of representatives from other departments of the Executive branch.	
H. Doc. 160	Reorganization Plan No. 10 of 1953. Separates payment of subsidy to airlines from cost of airmail transportation. Puts responsibility for payment of subsidy in Civil Aeronautics Board which also determines the amount of subsidy. Leaves in Post Office Department responsibility for payment of transportation costs of mail. Provides for transfer to CAB of such personnel, funds, records, etc., as required to carry out the plan.	

[1] H. Res. 262 disapproving Plan No. 8 rejected by House 7/17/53 by vote of 11 Yeas to 310 Nays. H. Res. 263 and 264 disapproving Plans 9 and 10 were not called up.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. 2417	Creates Commission on Judicial and Congressional Salaries	220
H. R. 5302	Provides for an additional Assistant Postmaster General for personnel	140
H. R. 4654	Excludes top department and agency officials from provisions of law permitting lump-sum leave payments	102
H. R. 1070	Makes Court of Claims a Constitutional Court and authorizes service of U. S. District and Circuit Courts Judges when needed	158
S. 106	Establishes a Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch for continuing study to eliminate nonessential activities and promote efficiency and economy	108
S. 1514	Establishes a Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to plan for elimination of duplication or conflict between Federal and State governments in taxation and administration	109
H. R. 6281	Requires Government departments to reimburse Post Office Department for amount of free mailing	286
H. R. 6382	Extends until June 30, 1954, period during which General Services Administration may dispose of surplus property by negotiated sales	245
	(NOTE.—See p. 20 (P. L. 163) on creation of Small Business Administration.)	

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. Doc. 381	Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1954. Establishes new Government agency, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States. Transfers to it all functions of the War Claims Commission and of the International Claims Settlement Commission. Abolishes those two agencies. The new agency is authorized to settle any other claims between the U. S. and other nations; and to administer any program of payments to members of U. S. Armed Forces or other American citizens for losses and internments in Korea which may be subsequently authorized. The Commission will consist of three members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President as chairman.	Plan No. 1 became effective July 1, 1954; No. 2 on June 28, 1954.					
H. Doc. 382	Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1954. Facilitates orderly and expeditious liquidation of affairs of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by assigning its former duties to various existing agencies. Transfers to the Export-Import Bank of Washington loans made by RFC to foreign financial institutions and governments, all foreign bonds and securities acquired in connection therewith, and the function of liquidating the lending programs. Transfers to the Small Business Administration loans made by RFC to victims of floods or other disasters, and the function of liquidating these loans. Transfers to the Federal National Mortgage Association mortgages made or acquired under authority of the RFC Mortgage Company and the Defense Homes Corporation, and the function of liquidating these assets.						
S. 15	Provides for appointment of 21 additional district and 2 circuit judges	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	294
S. 2910	Creates 23 additional district and 4 additional circuit judgeships			✓			

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[SECOND SESSION]

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 3575	Grants statehood to Hawaii and Alaska	✓	✓	✓	✓	(1)	
H. R. 2982	Grants statehood to Alaska	✓					
S. 50				✓		(2)	
S. J. Res. 44	Proposes constitutional amendment limiting membership of United States Supreme Court to nine and requires retirement of all United States judges at age 75			✓	✓		
H. R. 8093	Revises Classification Act and Federal Employees Pay Act						
S. 2665				✓	✓		
H. R. 215	Provides for delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia						
S. 697		(3)		✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 136	Proposes constitutional amendment to give District of Columbia representation in Congress and on electoral college			✓	(4)		
S. 2413	Provides for elected Mayor, City Council, School Board, and nonvoting delegate to House of Representatives from District of Columbia			✓			
S. 833	Creates a Congressional Joint Committee on the Budget			✓	✓		
S. Con. Res. 8	Provides for a consolidated general appropriation bill			✓	✓		
S. Res. 20	Amends Senate rules by permitting cloture by vote of two-thirds of Senators present on petition signed by 16 members			✓			
H. R. 7510	Increases salaries of Judges, District Attorneys and members of Congress						
S. 1663				✓			
H. R. 6342	Authorizes General Services Administrator and Postmaster General to acquire new buildings on 25-year lease-purchase contracts with builders	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 303	Transfers health and hospital services for Indians from Bureau of Indian Affairs to Public Health Service	✓	✓	✓			

[1] Conference requested by Senate objected to. Bill in House Rules Committee.
[2] Substance embodied in H. R. 3575 by Senate 46 yeas to 43 nays 3/11/54.
[3] Tabled in House D. C. Committee 7/23/53.
[4] Rejected in Senate Judiciary Committee 5/25/54 by vote of 4 to 4.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 2175	Amends provisions of Retirement Act for legislative members and employees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	303
H. R. 8069	Extends for 1 year, to March 1, 1955, time for Intergovernmental Relations Commission to make report	✓	✓	✓	✓		302
H. R. 7774	Establishes uniform system of incentive awards to all Federal employees	✓	✓				
H. J. Res. 342	Proposes Constitutional amendment giving 18-year-olds the right to vote						
S. J. Res. 53				✓	(1)		
S. 3200	Increases to $12 per diem maximum for Government travel allowance			✓			
S. 3378	Revises the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to effect economy and efficiency	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
S. J. Res. 39	Proposes constitutional amendment to permit Governors to fill vacancies in House of Representatives under certain emergency and disaster conditions			✓	✓		
H. R. 9245	Grants temporary 7 percent pay increase to postal workers	✓					
S. 24	Permits judicial review of decisions of Government contracting officers, except in cases where fraud is alleged	✓	✓	✓	✓		356
S. 959	Provides for a Jury Commission for each United States District Court			✓	✓		
S. Res. 144	Requires yea and nay vote on passage of joint resolutions proposing constitutional amendment			✓			
H. R. 9232	Extends to June 30, 1955 period for disposal of surplus property by negotiated sales	✓	✓				
S. 3243				✓			
H. R. 9689	Authorizes two additional Assistant Secretaries each for the Army, Navy and Air Force	✓					
S. 3566				✓			
S. 3605	Authorizes new post of Under-Secretary of Treasury for Monetary Affairs, and an additional Assistant Secretary			✓			

[1] Rejected in Senate 5/21/54 by 34 yeas to 24 nays, lacking the required two-thirds affirmative vote.

VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 2332	Requires review of military personnel designed to limit number of officers in Armed Forces	7
S. 1188	Extends to July 1, 1955, authorization for payment of family allowances to dependents of enlisted members of Armed Forces	8
S. 1229	Extends to July 1, 1954, continuance of pay or allotments to dependents of servicemen or civilians missing in war	16
H. R. 2466	Continues to June 30, 1955, free postage on first-class mail for members of Armed Forces in Korea and extends it to veterans hospitalized outside the United States as result of duty in Korea	9
H. R. 2561	Extends time for military personnel or civilian employees of Defense Department to file claims for loss, damage, etc., of personal property incident to war service	177
H. R. 3658	Extends for 2 years, from July 1, 1953, privilege of duty-free importation of gifts from members of Armed Forces serving abroad	19
H. R. 4233	Expedites naturalization of aliens who serve with Armed Forces between June 24, 1950, and July 1, 1955	86
S. 1993	Extends for 1 year, to June 30, 1954, authority of Veterans Administration to make direct housing loans, increases funds for this purpose, and permits higher interest rates	101
S. 1376	Extends to veterans who serve in Korea same preference in occupancy of public housing units as other veterans	98
S. 1684	Facilitates appointments of persons who lost civil service opportunities due to service in Armed Forces after June 30, 1950	121
H. R. 5636	Provides that all types of tuberculosis causing 10 percent or more disability within 3 years of separation from service shall be presumed service-connected	241
H. R. 5705	Provides for automatic renewal of Government and National Service life insurance	148

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[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 4152	Extends to January 1, 1955, present income tax exemption for members of Armed Forces who serve in combat zone or are hospitalized through such service	213
H. R. 6185	Defines preferential status of disabled veterans in Federal employment	271
H. R. 4151	Extends for 18 months social security wage credits for certain military service, provides for lump-sum death benefits for certain military personnel	269
S 2315	Transfers from Alien Property Custodian and appropriates to War Claims Commission $75 million for payments to World War II veterans who suffered forced labor as prisoners	211
H. R. 6039	Provides coverage of R. O. T. C. members under Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951	244

[SECOND SESSION]

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 9395	Extends for 2 years benefits of "GI Bill of Rights" for veterans of Korean conflict	✓					
H. R. 9020	Provides increases in rates of compensation and pension for veterans of all wars	✓					
H. R. 7209	Extends to July 1, 1955, authorization to continue pay and allowances of servicemen missing in Korea	✓	✓	✓	✓		291
H. R. 5959	Exempts from limitation on dual compensation certain officers retired for disability	✓	✓	✓	✓		300
H. R. 8152	Extends for 1 year, to June 30, 1955, authority of Veterans' Administration to make direct loans for home or farm purchase	✓	✓				
S. 897	Extends to June 30, 1954, time for applying for terminal leave pay			✓	✓		

VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 2984	Prohibits reduction of disability rating in effect for 20 years or more	✓	✓	✓	✓		311
H. R. 9647	Authorizes $350 million program of housing construction for armed services personnel and families						
S. 3539	Increases reenlistment bonuses			✓			
S. 2276	Authorizes continuance to July 1, 1954, of information and education program for personnel of Army and Air Force			✓	✓		
S. 3401	Standardizes information and education programs for all branches of armed services; authorizes continuance to July 31, 1956			✓	✓		
H. R. 6896	Extends time for filing claims by prisoners of war	✓	✓	✓	✓		359
H. R. 8180	Increases Federal aid to State homes for disabled veterans	✓					
H. R. 4690	Provides for erection of appropriate markers in national cemeteries in honor of members of Armed Forces missing in action	✓	✓				
H. R. 7786	Officially changes November 11 to "Veterans Day"	✓	✓	✓	✓		380
S. 1823	Gives veterans of Korean conflict same preference right of entry to homesteads as World War II veterans	✓	✓	✓	✓		402
H. R. 8041	Makes WAAC's eligible for veterans' benefits under certain conditions	✓	✓				

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
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H. R. 2557	Extends to July 1, 1954, Title II of First War Powers Act giving the President authority to expedite defense contracts	97
H. J. Res. 226	Extends to July 1, 1953, from April 1, 1953, the continuation during present emergency of certain statutory World War II powers of the President	12
H. J. Res. 285	Further extension of above for one month	96
H. R. 3853	Continues in effect, until 6 months after termination of national emergency, provisions of the criminal code fixing penalties for espionage and sabotage	99
S. 1995	Authorizes Department of Defense to stockpile machine tools, and extends to July 1954 its authority to expand productive capacity of industrial facilities in emergency	130
S. 2491	Authorizes $490.1 million military public works program in United States and at overseas bases	209
S. Res. 143	Authorizes study of supplies of critical raw materials available to United States in war time	(Adopted–House action not required)
S. 2399	Amends Atomic Energy Act to fix number and salaries of division heads, tighten security regulations	164
H. R. 2564	Applies to Panama Canal Zone provisions of law against interference with or damage to U. S. communications system	192
S. 1110	Authorizes appointment of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency	15
S. 41	Strengthens provisions of Espionage Act, permits seizure of unlawful exports of arms including atomic energy materials and other strategic goods	264
S. Res. 16	Requires loyalty check of Senate employees	(Adopted—House action not required)
H. R. 4495	Extends to July 1, 1955, authority to draft doctors, dentists, and other specialists	84

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. 1448	Continues to 6 months after end of national emergency present provisions restricting photographs and sketches of military installations	46
H. R. 6441	Facilitates private financing of new ship construction for Merchant Marine by Government insurance of mortgages	288
H. R. 2347	Extends to 6 months after termination of emergency, powers of Interstate Commerce Commission to fix priorities in transportation	89
S. 1981	Similar extension applied to authority of ICC over military traffic	169

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 9242	Authorizes $877 million program of military public works	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 9757	Amends Atomic Energy Act to facilitate industrial uses, authorizes exchange of information with friendly free governments	✓					
S. 3690				✓			
H. R. 8571	Authorizes $450 million naval construction program of patrol and submarine warfare vessels	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 6287	Extends to December 31, 1954, authority of Government to renegotiate defense contracts	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 9005	Extends to end of emergency authority of Government to expand capacity of industrial plants to meet mobilization needs	✓	✓	✓			
S. 3546	Authorizes immediate $45 million program of repair and modernization of merchant vessels in reserve fleet			✓			
H. R. 7328	Authorizes construction of research facilities by National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics	✓	✓	✓	✓		371
S. 903	Prohibits interstate transportation of lethal munitions except when movement is arranged by the United States			✓	✓		
S. 3	Prevents employment by United Nations of United States citizens of doubtful loyalty			✓	✓		

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 7308	Repeals June 30, 1954, expiration date of emergency authority of Federal Civil Defense Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓		383
H. R. 8649	Authorizes use of evidence gathered by wire-tapping in criminal cases of treason, espionage, sedition	✓	✓				
H. R. 9580	Makes death sentence, instead of life imprisonment, maximum penalty for peacetime espionage	✓					
S. 23	Prohibits employment by a labor union of a member of Communist organization; permits discharge of member of subversive organization by any employer			✓			
H. R. 9344	Prohibits picketing in vicinity of the White House	✓	✓				
H. R. 7486	Increases penalty for harboring convicted felons	✓					
S. 3096	Permits utilization of physicians and dentists in enlisted grade or rank who are considered security risks	✓	✓	✓	✓		403
H. R. 6899	Authorizes Congressional committees to grant immunity to witnesses under certain conditions						
S. 16				✓	✓		
H. R. 7325	Revokes citizenship of persons convicted of conspiring to advocate overthrow of U. S. Government by force or violence						
S. 2757							
S. 2766	Requires all organizations required to register under Internal Security Act to register with Attorney General all printing and publication equipment			✓	✓		
H. R. 9252	Amends Merchant Marine Act to provide for national defense reserve of tankers and to promote construction of new tankers	✓					
S. 2408				✓	✓		
H. R. 7330	Authorizes long-term charter of tankers by Secretary of the Navy						
S. 3458				✓	✓		
H. R. 6573	Provides for determination of number of Reserve officers in active service required for planned mobilization	✓	✓				
S. J. Res. 63	Authorizes District of Columbia to enter into interstate civil-defense compacts	✓	✓	✓	✓		343

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 2274	Facilitates Federal support for Civil Air Patrol as auxiliary arm of the Air Force	✓	✓	✓	✓		368
H. R. 5337	Establishes a United States Air Force Academy and authorizes appropriation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	325
H. R. 2326	Authorizes continuance to July 31, 1958, of 5 million maximum personnel strength of armed services	✓	✓	✓	✓		307
H. R. 7103	Limits number of commissioned officers in armed services	✓	✓	✓	✓		349
S. 3103	Continues authority of President to expedite defense contracts under title II of First War Powers Act	✓	✓	✓	✓		443
H. R. 6318	Extends authority of President to buy or requisition foreign merchant vessels in U. S. waters during emergency if necessary to national defense	✓	✓				
S. 2371				✓	✓		
H. J. Res. 243	Inserts the words "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	✓	✓	✓	✓		396

NATIONAL ECONOMY

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 4507	Ended rent control July 31, 1953, except in critical defense areas where it continues to April 30, 1954	23
H. R. 5898	Extends excess profits tax for 6 months, to December 31, 1953	125
H. R. 5141	Creates Small Business Administration to take over lending functions of Reconstruction Finance Corporation in this field, and consolidate other activities in behalf of small business; abolishes RFC as of June 30, 1954	163
H. R. 5728	Authorizes disposal of 29 Government-owned synthetic rubber plants; provides for commission appointed by President to negotiate sale and report to Congress by January 31, 1955	205
H. R. 6426	Continues to June 30, 1954, present method of taxing life-insurance companies; allows tax-amortization for construction of grain-storage facilities; makes other technical amendments to Internal Revenue Code	287
H. R. 157	Exempts motion picture theaters from admission tax	VETOED
H. R. 2313	Continues for duration of emergency authority of Government to inspect plants, books, and records of defense contractors	93
S. Res. 49	Authorizes study by Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee of postal rates and revenues	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. 719	Extends to June 30, 1954, permission for Canadian vessels to carry passengers between Alaskan ports and passengers or freight between certain Alaskan ports and United States	124
H. R. 4004	Provides for listing of stockholders of national banks with Comptroller of Currency upon request in lieu of annual filing	28
H. R. 4605	Authorizes increase of $20 million for construction of buildings in Federal Reserve System	45
S. 2383	Grants Federal consent to New York-New Jersey interstate compact regulating port facilities to prevent racketeering	252

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 5069	Bars flammable fabrics from interstate commerce	88
H. Res. 126	Authorizes investigation of newsprint market	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
H. Res. 217	Creates committee to study tax-exempt foundations	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
S. 1442	Fixes jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission over transmission or sale of electric energy to foreign countries	210

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 8224	Reduces to 10 percent rate of certain excise taxes; retains present rates on cigarettes, gasoline, motors, and parts, and on alcoholic beverages	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	324
H. R. 8300	Revises Internal Revenue Code; extends 52 percent corporate income tax to April 1, 1955	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 6672	Raises legal limit of national debt by $15 billion to $290 billion	✓	✓	(1)			
S. 2650	Amends Labor-Management Relations (Taft-Hartley) Act			✓	(2)		
H. R. 8729	Extends authority of Federal Reserve banks to buy and sell direct obligations of the United States to July 1, 1956	✓	✓	✓	✓		450
S. J. Res. 3	Proposes constitutional amendment to prevent seizure of private property by the President without consent of Congress			✓	✓		
H. R. 1825	Prescribes policy and procedures in construction contracts made by Executive agencies	✓	(3)				
S. 848				✓			

[1] Senate Finance Committee voted 8/1/53 to defer action.
[2] Recommitted in Senate 5/7/54 by vote of 50 to 42.
[3] Tabled by Rules Committee 3/5/54.

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 978	Revises and simplifies procedures of Interstate Commerce Commission to facilitate and expedite termination of railroad reorganizations under section 77 of Bankruptcy Act			✓	✓		
S. 275	Amends Transportation Act of 1940 to protect the industry from terrorism, extortion, racketeering and similar unlawful business tactics			✓	✓		
S. Res. 14	Authorizes Senate Judiciary Committee to make comprehensive study of antitrust laws			(1) ✓			
H. R. 2237	Increases fines for criminal convictions under Sherman Anti-Trust Act to $50,000, from $5,000	✓	✓				
S. 984	Provides for judicial review of decisions of United States Tax Court after January 1, 1954, respecting base period determinations arising under World War II excess profits tax	✓		✓	✓		
S. 252	Permits all suits against United States for recovery of taxes to be brought in United States district courts with trial by jury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
S. 30	Provides for jury trials in condemnation proceedings in United States courts			✓	✓		
H. R. 2566	Fixes time limitation for filing claims under Contract Settlement Act of 1944 by war contractors	✓	✓	✓	✓		431
H. R. 3203	Restricts Interstate Commerce Commission control over duration of motor-carrier contracts	✓	✓				
H. R. 5407	Permits whiskey to be held in bond 12 years instead of 8, before payment of tax	✓	✓	(2)			
S. 1461	Expedites Interstate Commerce Commission procedure on applications for rate increases by railroads and oil-carriers			✓	(3)		
S. 1396	Provides for regulation of radio and television broadcasts of professional baseball games			✓			

[1] Reported by Judiciary Committee, referred to Rules and Administration Committee.
[2] Senate Finance Committee voted 7/15/53 to postpone action indefinitely.
[3] Recommitted in Senate 5/13/54 by vote of 39 to 37.

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 116	Prohibits transportation of fireworks into any State in which their sale is banned	✓	✓	✓	✓		385
H. R. 6052 S. 2836	Readjusts postal rates to increase revenues and reduce deficit of Post Office Department	✓					
H. R. 8127	Authorizes $966 million for highway construction in fiscal 1956 and 1957	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	350
H. R. 5605	Provides that real property transferred from certain Government corporations to other Federal agencies shall remain on local tax rolls	✓	✓				
S. 2846	Simplifies procedure under the Securities Exchange Act, Trust Indenture Act, and Investment Company Act	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
S. 3542	Prohibits transmission of certain gambling information via interstate communications facilities			✓			
S. 3190	Prohibits transportation of gambling devices in interstate or foreign commerce			✓			
H. R. 4557	Authorizes Federal Communications Commission to waive requirement of permit for construction of radio stations	✓	✓	✓	✓		321
H. R. 3792	Authorizes Interstate Commerce Commission to revoke or amend water-carrier certificates under certain conditions	✓	✓				
S. 281	Extends power of ICC to authorize discontinuance of intrastate railroad services			✓			
H. R. 8487	Authorizes census of manufactures, mineral industries, and other businesses for 1954	✓	✓	✓	✓		411
S. Res. 225	Authorizes study and investigation of employee welfare and pension funds under collective bargaining agreements	(Adopted—House action not required)					
H. R. 1067	Authorizes the Supreme Court to make and publish rules for procedure in review of decisions of the Tax Court	✓	✓	✓	✓		

NATURAL RESOURCES

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 4198	Confirms and establishes titles of the States to submerged lands and resources within their historic boundaries (3-mile limit, except Texas, Louisiana, and Florida Gulf, 10½ miles)	31
H. R. 5134	Confirms and establishes title of Federal Government, and its right to develop resources, in submerged lands (Continental Shelf) seaward of historic boundaries of the States	212
S. 2097	Authorizes increase of $13 million in appropriations for Eklutna hydroelectric power project in Alaska	260
H. R. 2824	Encourages discovery and development of sources of tungsten ores and concentrates	206
H. R. 4025	Authorizes additional appropriation of $75 million for construction of dams in Columbia River Basin by Army engineers	75
S. 261	Gives Federal consent to Connecticut River Flood Control compact	52
S. 117	Provides apportionment to local governments of funds received by United States for lands acquired for flood control purposes	60
S. 1397	Validates uranium-mining claims on public lands leased for oil-gas purposes	250
S. 2094	Facilitates development of water conservation facilities by State and local governments by exemption from certain provisions of the Federal Power Act	278
H. R. 5603	Authorizes national banking associations to make loans on forest tracts	285
S. 1197	Grants Federal consent to water compact between Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota	191
H. J. Res. 268	Grants Federal consent to Virginia-Kentucky compact for establishment of a bi-State park	275

NATURAL RESOURCES—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 2150	Authorizes U. S. participation with Canada in development of St. Lawrence seaway	✓	✓	✓	✓		358
H. R. 1816	Repeals obsolete laws on sale of timber and stone on public lands	✓	✓				
H. R. 3915	Permits mining, development, and utilization of mineral resources of all public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 8896	Amends mineral leasing laws to permit development of same land for more than one mineral	✓					
S. 3334				✓			
H. R. 2762	Broadens authority of Secretary of Agriculture to issue long-term permits for use of national forest land for commercial and recreational purposes	✓	✓				
S. 2381	Modifies limitations on size of holdings and length of options on public land leased for oil and gas development			✓			
H. R. 2512	Extends privilege of buying certain public lands to business associations, corporations, States, and local governments	✓	✓	✓	✓		390
H. R. 4351	Authorizes construction of additional power facilities on Niagara River	✓	✓				
S. 2599				✓			
S. 2320	Changes date for beginning of annual assessment work on mining claims from July 1 to October 1	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 4551	Requires Secretary of Interior to obtain congressional approval for reclamation projects	✓	✓				
H. R. 4646	Fixes conditions for Federal acquisition of forest land operated on a sustained-yield basis for timber	✓	(1)				
H. R. 5358	Restricts surface rights of mining claims in national forests to prevent waste of timber	✓					
H. R. 5976	Exempts from Federal regulation persons and facilities engaged in intrastate distribution of natural gas if subject to regulation by a State commission	✓	✓	✓	✓		323
H. R. 5731	Authorizes construction by Secretary of Interior of $24 million dam on Santa Margarita River, California	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

[1] Recommited 2/17/54.

NATURAL RESOURCES—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. J. Res. 12	Authorizes survey of proposed Passamaquoddy tidal power project	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 1815	Authorizes Secretary of Interior to lease or sell public lands to political subdivisions or to private nonprofit corporations for public purposes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	387
H. R. 8377	Authorizes additional appropriations for flood control and other projects in Columbia River basin	✓	✓	✓	✓		363
H. R. 4854	Authorizes Government construction and operation of irrigation works at Ft. Joseph Dam, Washington	✓	✓				
S. 446				✓			
S. 3336	Includes Nevada among states authorized to negotiate compact for allocation of waters of the Colorado River	✓		✓	✓		
S. 119	Authorizes construction of Markham Ferry project on Grand River, Oklahoma	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
H. R. 4449	Authorizes projects for development of upper Colorado River	✓					
H. R. 8923	Permits private development of hydroelectric power on Coosa River in Alabama and Georgia under FPC license	✓	✓	✓	✓		436
H. R. 7664	Permits development of Priest Rapids on Columbia River for flood control, navigation, and power	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 7815	Provides for construction, operation, and maintenance of Cougar Dam and Reservoir on South Fork of Mackenzie River, Oregon	✓	✓	✓			
S. 118	Authorizes construction of Washita River Basin reclamation project, Oklahoma			✓	✓		
H. R. 3598	Consolidates Parker and Davis Dam projects on lower Colorado River	✓	✓	✓	✓		373
S. 3090	Authorizes transmission and disposition of electric power generated at Falcon Dam on the Rio Grande	✓	✓	✓	✓		406
H. R. 7111	Permits Federal agencies to grant States concurrent jurisdiction over Federal land if deemed in U. S. interest	✓	✓				

* Awaiting President's signature.

NATURAL RESOURCES—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 2802	Authorizes annual $3 million appropriation for research and promotion of domestic fisheries	✓	✓	✓	✓		466
H. R. 8386	Extends nationwide provisions of law authorizing loans for water conservation now limited to arid and semiarid areas	✓					
S. 3137				✓	✓		
S. 2786	Grants Federal consent to southeastern interstate forest-fire protection compact			✓	✓		
H. J. Res. 347	Grants Federal consent to boundary agreement between Florida and Alabama	✓	✓	✓	✓		351
H. R. 335	Amends mineral leasing laws to eliminate waiver of rentals for oil and gas leases	✓					
H. R. 270	Authorizes appropriation of $500,000 for control and extinguishment of fires in coal formations	✓	✓				

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 5710	Extends Mutual Security Act and authorizes $5 billion foreign aid program for fiscal 1954	118
H. R. 5495	Extends Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act to June 12, 1954, creates commission to study foreign economic policy	215
H. J. Res. 228	Permits entry into United States of 500 children adopted by American citizens abroad	162
H. R. 6481	Provides for admission of 214,000 refugees in next 3 years and 5 months	203
S. 1739	Extends to June 30, 1956, President's authority to control exports	62
H. R. 5877	Simplifies customs laws, practices, and procedures to facilitate flow of goods in international commerce	243
S. 2112	Makes grant of one (1) million tons of wheat to Pakistan	77
S. 2249	Authorizes the President until March 15, 1954, to make $100 million of crop surpluses available to meet famine and other urgent relief needs of friendly people abroad	216
H. R. 568	Continues through June 30, 1954, suspension of certain import taxes on copper	4
H. R. 5148	Continues to June 30, 1954, the suspension of import duties and taxes on metal scrap, except lead and zinc	221
H. R. 4465	Provides insurance for goods shipped abroad by American nationals, by amending Export-Import Act of 1945	30
S. Res. 84	Denounces mistreatment of minority groups by Soviet Russia and satellites and urges President to protest in United Nations	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. Con. Res. 12	Voices sympathy of Congress for victims of European flood	(Adopted)
H. R. 3659	Extends to July 1, 1955, period during which personal and household goods brought into United States under Government orders shall be exempt from duty	20

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. J. Res. 6	Provides for continuance of civil government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	229
S. Res. 25	Authorizes investigation of means of expanding foreign investment and trade	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. 694	Prohibits flying of United States flag subordinate to any other	107
S. Con. Res. 36	Expresses sympathy of the Congress with the people behind the Iron Curtain in their struggle against Communist tyranny; urges the right of East Germans to freedom and unity with West Germany; and denounces religious and political persecutions	(Adopted)
S. Res. 126	Authorizes study of proposed changes in United Nations Charter	(Adopted—House action not required
S. 2277	Authorizes loan of 25 small naval vessels to any friendly nation in Far Eastern area, 2 submarines to Italy, and small aircraft carrier to France	188
S. 2539	Authorizes loan of 2 submarines to Turkey	214
S. 498	Provides for agreement with Mexico for joint operation of Nogales sanitation project	150
S. Res. 150	Favors international agreements for limitation of armaments and atomic energy production, with adequate inspection system	(Adopted—House action not required)
H. Res. 346	Creates select committee to investigate circumstances of incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into U. S. S. R	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
H. R. 5742	Extends to December 31, 1954, term of International Claims Commission for settlement of claims against Yugoslavia and Panama for nationalized property	242

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 9678	Extends and revises Mutual Security Act, authorizes $3.3 billion program of military and economic loans and grants to friendly nations abroad	✓	✓				
H. R. 9474	Extends for one year to June 12, 1955 authority of President to make reciprocal trade agreements	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
S. 3589	Expands scope and increases lending authority of the Export-Import Bank of Washington			✓			
H. R. 9315	Provides for extension on reciprocal basis of free entry of Philippine goods to the United States	✓	✓	✓	✓		
S. 3318	Provides for continuance of civil government in Trust Territory of Pacific Islands	✓	✓	✓	✓		451
S. Con. Res. 91	Declares Congress support of Organization of American States and opposition to Communist interference in Western Hemisphere	(Adopted)					
H. R. 4364	Provides for settlement of claims for damages caused by United States Armed Forces abroad	✓	✓				
H. R. 6584	Redefines formulae for determining value of imported goods for duty purposes; revises procedures for conversion of foreign currency	✓	✓				
S. 1766	Creates new Office of Refugees and International Migration in Department of State and authorizes continued U. S. participation in Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration	✓	✓	✓	✓		
H. R. 7709	Continues to June 30, 1955, suspension of certain import taxes on copper	✓	✓	✓	✓		452
H. R. 8155	Continues to June 30, 1955, suspension of duties and import taxes on metal scrap	✓					
H. R. 5534	Suspends for 1 year certain import duties on aluminum and aluminum alloys	✓					
H. R. 222	Suspends for 2 years import duties on crude bauxite	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. J. Res. 1	Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit treaty provisions which violate any constitutional right; requires action of Congress to validate treaties as internal law; similarly limits Executive or other agreements with foreign powers			✓	(1)		
H. R. 5894	Provides additional safeguards to domestic producers and workers under the reciprocal trade program by restricting certain imports	✓	(2)				
S. J. Res. 96	Establishes an International Commission on Telecommunications	✓		✓	✓		
H. Con. Res. 129	Expresses the sense of the Congress that Chinese Communists are not entitled, and should not be recognized, to represent China in the United Nations	✓	(3)				
H. R. 8193	Permits admission to United States of nationals of Italy, Greece, and Netherlands under Refugee Relief Act of 1953, whether they are refugees or relatives of American citizens	✓	✓				
S. 373	Extends time for filing claims under Trading With Enemy Act	✓	✓	✓	✓		292
S. Con. Res. 46	Favors international agreements for limitation on armaments			✓	✓		
H. Res. 438	Expands scope of investigation of Communist-subjugated Baltic countries (H. Res. 346, page 22) to include other countries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary	(Adopted—Senate action not required)					
S. Res. 207	Requires yea and nay vote on resolutions of advice and consent to ratification of treaties			✓			
H. R. 6344	Provides for control of exportation and importation of arms, ammunition, and implements of war	✓					
S. 2231	Disallows certain debt claims under Trading-With-the-Enemy Act			✓	✓		

[1] Rejected 2/26/54 by vote of 60 yeas, 31 nays, two-thirds being required; motion to reconsider pending.
[2] Recommitted 7/23/53 by vote of 242 yeas to 161 nays.
[3] Embodied as rider to State Department appropriation, P. L. 195.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 6113	Increases penalty for smuggling goods into the United States	✓	✓				
S. J. Res. 156	Authorizes the President to accept an amendment of the constitution of International Labor Organization, increasing the size of its governing body			✓	✓		
S. 2370	Authorizes sale of certain vessels to Brazil for coastwise trade	✓		✓	✓		
S. Res. 241	Favors immediate free and fair elections in subjugated countries	(Adopted—House action not required)					

AGRICULTURE

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 6054	Authorizes emergency loans to farmers and cattlemen in drought areas and provides for expediting supplies of feed and seed	115
S. J. Res. 97	Revises and extends to July 31, 1956, the International Wheat Agreement	180
H. R. 3480	Extends for 1 year to December 31, 1954, the period during which Secretary of Labor is authorized to make available Mexican agricultural workers to United States producers	237
H. R. 4353	Creates a Federal Farm Credit Board, and reorganizes Farm Credit Administration	202
H. R. 5451	Changes wheat marketing quota provisions of Agricultural Act by reducing planting from 78 million acres to a minimum of 62 million acres	117
S. 1679	Requires coordination of all authorizations for Agricultural Extension Service; consolidates and codifies numerous acts	83
S. 1367	Provides for expansion of Federal Crop Insurance program to additional counties	261
S. 2055	Provides for control and eradication of scrapie and bluetongue in sheep	227
S. 1152	Extends for 5 years authority of Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to fur farmers	255

AGRICULTURE—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 9680	Fixes price supports for basic products at 82½ to 90 percent of parity for 1955 crops; for dairy products at 80 percent; authorizes set-aside reserves, payments to wool producers, and two-price plan for wheat	✓	✓				
H. R. 9756	Authorizes an additional $1.5 billion in price support funds						
S. 3686							
S. 2475	Provides for sale of $700 million of surplus agricultural commodities, through private trade channels, and $300 million of relief grants to nations cooperating under Mutual Security Act	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(*)
H. R. 7775	Provides price support for wool, and otherwise encourages production and sales to aid the domestic industry						
S. 2911				✓	✓		
H. R. 8748	Authorizes $15 million emergency loans to farmers and stockmen	✓	✓				
S. 3245				✓	✓		
H. R. 1432	Provides for 90 percent price support for 1952 Maryland tobacco crop	✓	(1)				
S. 25	Amends Bankruptcy Act by granting relief to farmer-debtors			✓	✓		
H. R. 4158	Extends to 1958 authority of Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to orchardists	✓	✓				
H. R. 6186	Establishes grazing rights on public lands	✓	✓	✓	✓		375
H. R. 6665	Sets national minimum planting of cotton at 21.3 million acres; authorizes aid to potato industry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	290
S. 1276	Authorizes variation in interest rates on loans under Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act; expands program.	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 3895	Gives Secretary of Agriculture discretionary authority to support price of potatoes	✓					
H. J. Res. 321	Postpones proclamation on need for corn quotas from November 15, 1953, to February 1, 1954	✓	✓	✓	✓		

*Awaiting President's signature.

[1] Failed of passage 4/24/53 by vote of 110 yeas to 212 nays.

AGRICULTURE—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 6435	Brings futures trading in coffee and onions under regulations of Commodities Exchange Authority	✓	✓	✓	✓		
H. R. 7735	Brings trading in coffee under regulations of Commodity Exchange Act						
S. 1386				✓	✓		
S. 2313	Brings trading in wool under regulations of Commodity Exchange Act			✓	✓		
S. 1990	Strengthens investigation and enforcement provisions of Commodity Exchange Act			✓	✓		
H. J. Res. 358	Discharges $681.7 million indebtedness of Commodity Credit Corporation to the Treasury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	295
S. 2714	Increases borrowing power of Commodity Credit Corporation by $1.75 billions to $8.5 billions	✓	✓	✓	✓		312
H. J. Res. 355	Authorizes admission to U. S. of Mexican farm workers	✓	✓	✓	✓		309
H. R. 6788	Authorizes Federal cooperation with local agencies in upstream soil and water conservation improvement projects, including flood prevention	✓	✓	✓	✓		
S. 3050	Increases the penalty rate on tobacco marketed in excess of acreage allotments	✓	✓	✓	✓		425
H. R. 6711	Authorizes Federal Land Banks to buy remaining assets of Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation	✓	✓				

SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 5667	Extends and revises principal provisions of the National Housing Act	94
S. J. Res. 27	Increases by $500,000,000 authorization of FHA to insure housing loans	5
S. 2199	Authorizes distribution of Federal surplus equipment and supplies to disaster victims by State and local governments	134
S. 967	Authorizes continuance for 2 years of Federal aid for hospital construction and survey	151
S. 1515	Grants Federal consent to compact between several States, Hawaii, and Alaska to establish the Western States Commission for Higher Education	226
H. R. 6049	Renews program of aid for school construction in districts affected by Federal activities	246
H. R. 6078	Renews program of aid for operating expenses of school districts affected by Federal activities	248
S. 285	Creates a national advisory committee to study public and private methods of weather control	256
H. Res. 243	Authorizes $100,000 appropriation for comprehensive study of social security system	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
S. Res. 89	Authorizes study of juvenile delinquency	(Adopted—House action not required)
H. R. 5303	Provides unemployment insurance coverage for seamen on vessels owned, operated, or chartered by Federal Government	196
H. Res. 296	Authorizes investigation of all claims arising out of Texas City, Tex., explosions of April 16–17, 1947	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
H. R. 5740	Authorizes Food and Drug Administration to inspect factories without consent of owners	217
H. Con. Res. 108	Expressing sense of the Congress that certain tribes of Indians should be freed of Government supervision	(Adopted)
H. Res. 115	Authorizes investigation of administration of union labor welfare funds	(Adopted—Senate action not required)

SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 7839	Encourages home building, provides more liberal terms, but curbs abuses; promotes redevolopment of slum areas; authorizes aid to local governments for planning of public works	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 7397	Broadens program of Federal grants for expansion and improvement of local public health services	✓	✓				
S. 2778							
H. R. 8149	Provides expanded 3-year $182 million program for hospital construction, medical centers, nursing homes, and rehabilitation facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓		(*)
H. R. 9366	Expands and increases benefits of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system	✓	✓				
H. R. 9709	Extends coverage under unemployment compensation program	✓					
S. 2530							
H. R. 9640	Provides for expanded and improved program of vocational rehabilitation for physically-handicapped	✓					
S. 2759				✓			
H. R. 8356	Authorizes Federal revolving fund to finance reinsurance of voluntary health insurance plans						
S. 3114				✓			
H. R. 7601	Authorizes an appropriation for a White House conference on education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 7434	Establishes a National Advisory Committee on Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 9040	Authorizes Commissioner of Education to contract with other public and private agencies for cooperative research on education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
S. 799	Makes benefits of Defense Housing and Community Facilities Act available to communities relocated as a result of acquisition of its former site by the Atomic Energy Commission			✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 71	Extends program of Government purchase of FHA mortgages to Guam; puts private lenders in Alaska on equal basis with Housing Authority in making FHA-insured loans			✓	✓		

* Awaiting President's signature.

SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 356	Permits individuals entitled to benefits under Railroad Retirement Act and Social Security to receive both	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	398
S. 10	Prohibits transportation of obscene matter in interstate and foreign commerce			✓	✓		
H. R. 5173	Provides for return to the States of all Federal unemployment tax collections in excess of amount sufficient to pay administrative costs and to maintain a $200 million reserve	✓	✓	✓			
S. 11	Amends Criminal Code to prohibit mailing of all obscene matter of any kind			✓	✓		
S. 39	Requires each State to give full faith and credit to divorce granted in another State, under certain conditions			✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 49	Proposes constitutional amendment to provide equal rights for women			✓	✓		
H. R. 5691	Requires annual report to Congress on all educational activities carried on by the Federal Government	✓	✓				
S. 539	Authorizes Interstate Commerce Commission to require installation of certain electronic communications system by railroads			✓	✓		
H. R. 2828	Ends Government supervision over Menominee Tribe of Indians by December 31, 1956	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	399
S. 2670	Ends Government supervision over six Indian tribes in Utah	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 6434	Fixes procedure for changing standards of food under Food and Drug Act	✓	✓	✓	✓		335
	(NOTE.—See Governmental Reorganizaton, p. 5, on creation of new Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.)						

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Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
1951 Legislative Supplemental	$806, 155	$831, 155	$831, 155	$831, 155	7
1951 D. C. Supplemental*	55, 600	21, 250	21, 250	21, 250	11
1951 Third Supplemental	843, 463, 579	473, 165, 368	431, 127, 477	364, 932, 477	45
1951 Fourth Supplemental	6, 472, 981, 000	6, 468, 206, 000	6, 442, 668, 000	6, 442, 668, 000	43
1951 Legislative Supplemental	150, 000	150, 000	150, 000	150, 000	49
1952 Disaster Relief	15, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	80
1952 Flood Rehabilitation	400, 000, 000	53, 440, 000	53, 440, 000	53, 440, 000	202
1952 Labor Supplemental	950, 000	950, 000	950, 000	950, 000	113
1952 First Supplemental	2, 302, 871, 116	1, 586, 587, 316	1, 745, 383, 006	1, 676, 246, 976	253
Labor	244, 366, 500	233, 020, 500	233, 043, 112	222, 504, 944	134
Federal Security Agency	1, 874, 887, 260	1, 795, 185, 861	1, 732, 266, 865	1, 715, 027, 843	
Railroad Retirement [1]	613, 000, 000	613, 000, 000	562, 534, 409	574, 471, 483	
Interior	559, 286, 000	496, 764, 500	518, 065, 353	511, 841, 816	136
Treasury [2]	597, 251, 000	586, 100, 000	593, 294, 647	587, 598, 000	111
Post Office	2, 360, 874, 000	2, 332, 727, 000	2, 328, 223, 697	2, 340, 800, 000	
Independent Offices	6, 837, 677, 465	6, 144, 540, 355	6, 212, 199, 663	6, 162, 825, 175	137
Agriculture	820, 005, 546	717, 295, 233	826, 578, 130	802, 988, 626	135
District of Columbia [3]	140, 513, 150	137, 776, 375	138, 407, 290	138, 216, 150	106
Civil Functions, Army	640, 637, 843	514, 427, 400	638, 578, 213	597, 262, 713	203
Legislative	68, 953, 320	60, 335, 370	73, 820, 507	73, 805, 705	168
State	283, 686, 476	226, 357, 000	227, 877, 838	228, 104, 861	188
Justice	184, 356, 000	181, 567, 000	182, 137, 600	181, 602, 000	
Commerce	763, 763, 925	612, 098, 000	609, 500, 560	607, 242, 911	
Judiciary	26, 489, 740	25, 918, 115	25, 936, 865	25, 918, 115	
Mutual Security	7, 527, 527, 790	7, 482, 527, 790	7, 208, 401, 000	7, 328, 903, 976	249
National Defense	57, 577, 325, 700	56, 034, 717, 200	61, 103, 856, 030	56, 939, 568, 030	179
Second Supplemental (Military Construction)	5, 146, 495, 570	4, 425, 357, 970	4, 020, 198, 000	4, 146, 407, 108	254

[1] Includes National Labor Relations Board, $7,885,418; National Mediation Board, $1,092,243; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, $2,959,413.

[2] This bill also carries $6,116,000,000 in permanent appropriations, including $5,800,000,000 for interest on the national debt; also carries $5,619,642,290 in disbursements from the FSA trust funds for old-age benefits and unemployment insurance.

[3] Totals include Federal contribution of $11,400,000 in final amount; balance of D. C. budget is financed from local revenues.

*Payable from D. C. revenues.

NOTE: H. J. Res. 277, making temporary appropriations through July 31, enacted (P. L. 70); second temporary appropriation extension to August 31, H. J. Res. 302, passed House and Senate July 30 (P. L. 97). H. J. Res. 320, third temporary appropriation extension to September 30, 1951, passed House and Senate August 21, 1951 (P. L. 132). H. J. Res. 335, fourth temporary appropriation extension to October 31, 1951, passed House and Senate September 27 (P. L. 156).

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Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
Treasury[1]	$693, 045, 000	$644, 765, 000	$645, 247, 000	$644, 095, 000	425
Post Office	2, 822, 100, 000	2, 793, 800, 000	2, 748, 800, 000	2, 793, 800, 000	
3d Supplemental, 1952	1, 069, 542, 625	968, 127, 943	976, 368, 838	971, 342, 641	375
4th Supplemental, 1952	1, 475, 420, 000	1, 413, 820, 000	1, 413, 820, 350	1, 413, 820, 350	431
Independent Offices	6, 978, 687, 043	6, 254, 215, 628	6, 279, 088, 678	6, 272, 836, 303	455
Labor[2]	228, 096, 100	210, 903, 539	211, 113, 539	211, 008, 539	452
Federal Security Agency	1, 740, 758, 261	1, 559, 444, 261	1, 561, 888, 761	1, 562, 885, 011	
Interior	626, 001, 800	486, 248, 253	567, 328, 164	541, 729, 854	470
District of Columbia[3]	136, 442, 100	131, 055, 000	135, 117, 089	133, 696, 875	453
Civil Functions, Army	692, 977, 800	492, 434, 900	667, 474, 699	584, 061, 600	504
State	318, 408, 010	215, 988, 382	211, 869, 847	217, 701, 424	495
Justice	189, 785, 000	184, 059, 000	184, 523, 000	184, 293, 000	
Commerce	706, 971, 499	589, 569, 499	588, 606, 305	586, 588, 586	
Judiciary	27, 657, 800	27, 306, 850	27, 548, 700	27, 398, 700	
National Defense	50, 921, 022, 770	46, 207, 177, 554	38, 403, 000, 912	46, 610, 938, 912	488
Legislative	72, 055, 542	62, 391, 780	76, 892, 461	76, 849, 392	471
Agriculture[4]	748, 415, 828	724, 003, 699	841, 494, 624	728, 611, 920	451
Supplemental, 1953[5]	13, 750, 796, 030	10, 127, 840, 780	8, 310, 724, 886	11, 793, 776, 339	547

[1] This bill also carries (not included in above total) $6,255,770,850 in permanent and indefinite appropriations, including $6,150,000,000 interest on the Federal debt; $5,999,219,656 in disbursements from FSA trust funds for old-age benefits, unemployment insurance, railroad retirement benefits, and other authorized payments.

[2] This bill also carries (not included in above total) $9,000,000 for the National Labor Relations Board; $1,130,000 for the National Mediation Board; and $3,447,500 for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

[3] Above total payable from D. C. revenues; bill also carries $11,000,000 direct Federal appropriation from Treasury.

[4] This bill also carries (not included in above total) about $500,000,000 revolving fund authorizations for farm loans and price-support operations.

[5] Includes funds for Mutual Security Administration, Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies.

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Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
2d Supplemental, 1953	$2,313,769,590	$925,172,920	$947,325,579	$943,298,728	11
3d Supplemental, 1953 [1]	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,441,875	5,441,875	59
Independent Offices [2]	1,172,441,090	451,020,493	446,913,949	447,364,499	176
Interior	607,336,400	406,130,343	452,956,940	433,561,550	172
State	151,148,590	102,774,787	91,758,676	92,188,676	195
Justice	187,150,000	179,265,000	177,975,000	178,880,000	
Commerce	1,131,195,925	861,136,925	834,146,706	815,576,925	
Treasury	665,328,000	611,895,000	611,895,000	611,895,000	73
Post Office	2,906,800,000	2,832,250,000	2,832,250,000	2,832,250,000	
Agriculture	749,409,342	712,747,828	716,779,768	718,395,398	156
Labor [3]	296,818,600	255,184,000	257,040,000	258,255,000	170
Health, Education, Welfare	1,786,528,761	1,712,248,461	1,731,674,461	1,738,339,261	
Army Civil Functions	683,377,100	416,391,600	473,762,900	440,093,600	153
National Defense	40,719,931,000	34,434,140,500	34,511,302,000	34,371,541,000	179
Legislative	72,799,275	54,507,020	70,007,831	70,007,831	178
Judiciary	26,507,645	26,179,520	26,179,520	26,179,520	
2d Independent Offices	7,445,758,664	5,284,369,664	5,239,352,664	5,253,177,664	149
District of Columbia [4]	151,564,975	146,354,739	148,713,350	147,740,693	173
Supplemental, 1954 [5]	1,069,996,084	168,155,584	744,975,464	615,989,964	207
Mutual Security [6]	7,614,410,145	4,438,678,000	4,562,653,811	4,531,507,000	218
Emergency Farm Relief	150,000,000	130,000,000	130,000,000	130,000,000	175

[1] Also provides $7,500,000 loan authorizations for rural telephones.

[2] Does not include funds for AEC, TVA, and VA.

[3] Does not include related agencies: National Labor Relations Board, $9,125,000; National Mediation Board, $1,064,000; and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, $3,210,000.

[4] Payable from D. C. revenues; bill also carries $12,000,000 direct Federal appropriation from Treasury.

[5] Includes $200,000,000 for Korean reconstruction; $58,775,000 for new Small Business Administration, of which $55,000,000 is a revolving fund to finance loans.

[6] Does not include $2,121,964,390 of carry-over funds which were reappropriated.

NOTE: H. J. Res. 287, making temporary appropriations for fiscal 1954, was enacted June 30, 1953 (P. L. 91).

NOTE: Above figures do not include $8,420,408,785 permanent and indefinite appropriations estimated for fiscal 1954 to cover interest on the public debt, railroad retirement, cost of surplus commodities disposal, and other authorized payments.

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Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L No.
2d Supplemental, 1954	$27, 342, 616	$25, 785, 707	$27, 917, 616	$27, 517, 616	304
Treasury[1]	578, 783, 000	577, 855, 600	577, 855, 600	577, 855, 600	374
Post Office	2, 760, 000, 000	2, 755, 386, 000	2, 754, 877, 100	2, 754, 877, 100	
State	116, 191, 960	108, 410, 000	113, 783, 280	113, 910, 000	471
Justice	177, 732, 000	176, 542, 000	177, 352, 000	176, 864, 500	
Commerce	930, 997, 000	808, 220, 000	769, 072, 000	837, 022, 000	
U. S. Information Agency	89, 000, 000	75, 814, 000	80, 614, 000	73, 914, 000	
Army Civil Functions	465, 160, 000	430, 983, 700	484, 095, 500	457, 071, 300	453
3d Supplemental, 1954	424, 090, 496	456, 470, 496	476, 248, 741	505, 218, 741	357
Independent Offices	5, 929, 723, 600	5, 566, 118, 763	5, 700, 775, 413	5, 651, 770, 063	428
Interior	422, 118, 430	363, 360, 989	427, 601, 006	405, 936, 149	465
Agriculture	689, 741, 813	720, 102, 654	725, 351, 971	723, 683, 150	437
National Defense	29, 887, 055, 000	28, 684, 250, 486	29, 211, 584, 486	28, 800, 125, 486	458
Legislative	72, 911, 206	54, 775, 995	71, 034, 006	70, 695, 754	470
Judiciary	28, 645, 505	27, 579, 950	28, 645, 505	27, 501, 740	
Labor[2]	299, 635, 000	298, 714, 000	299, 286, 000	299, 030, 000	472
Health, Education, Welfare	1, 652, 509, 261	1, 658, 913, 761	1, 671, 138, 761	1, 663, 413, 761	
District of Columbia[3]	172, 476, 546	168, 487, 838	170, 438, 847	169, 928, 099	468

[1] Does not include permanent and indefinite appropriations, such as interest on the public debt, $7,800,000 (estimated); refunding internal revenue collections; and disbursements from trust funds, such as Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, $5,980,000,000 (estimated), unemployment insurance, etc.

[2] Also carried in this bill, but not included in above figures, are appropriations for: National Labor Relations Board, $8,400,000; National Mediation Board, $1,220,500; and the Mediation and Conciliation Service, $3,134,000.

[3] Payable from D. C. revenues except for Federal contribution of $21,890,000.

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